TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

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MINUTES OF THE

Forty-third Annual Session

OF THE

Tippah Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Flat Rock Baptist Church,

Aug. 30, 31 & Sept. 1st, 1905.

NEXT SESSION.

PLACE—Canaan, in Benton county, 10 miles north of Ashland.

TIME—Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1906.

PREACHER—J. E. Buchanan. ALTERNATE—J. A. Bell.

OFFICERS.

Eld. W. E. Berry, Blue Mountain.....Moderator.
J. W. Crump, Ripley, R. F. D. Route No. 4.....Clerk.
A. L. Collins, Myrtle.....Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Elder J. E. Buchanan, Chairman; J. N. McMillin, W. E. Berry, B. G. Lowrey, J. W. Crump, Geo. Deen, A. H. McAllister, A. L. Collins.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.
4. Select place of next meeting and preacher to preach the introductory sermon.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Appointment of correspondents.
7. Call for reports.
8. Elect Executive Board.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Call roll and mark absentees.

PROCEEDINGS.

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THE TIPPAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Forty-Third Annual session with Flat Rock Church, Aug. 30, 1905.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock a. m. by Eld. J. N. McMillin, Text, Acts 2:46 & 47; Theme, The Church and its ordinances. After the sermon adjourned for refreshments to 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION —— 2 p. m.

The Association was called together by singing "What a Friend we have in Jesus." Eld. W. E. Berry, former Mod. read 1st. Chapt. 1st. Pet. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Ball.

R. J. Gresham and Alfred Whitten were appointed reading clerks.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following churches: Academy, Ashland, Bethlehem, Beulah, Blue Mountain, Bluff Springs Canaan, Chewalla, Curtis Creek, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Harmony, Lebanon, Mt. Hebron, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Olive, New Hope, New Macedonia, New Prospect, Oaklimeter, Oak Grove, Pine Grove, Pleasant Hill (B), Providence, Ripley, Shady Grove and Union.

Proceeded to permanent organization by electing officers. Eld. W. E. Berry was re-elected Mod.; J. W. Crump was re-elected Clerk; A. L. Collins re-elected Treasurer.

The Order of Business as printed in minutes of last year was adopted for this session.

Called for and heard the reading of the Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

Proceeded to ballot for place of next meeting of this body and preacher to preach the introductory sermon, with the following result: Canaan the place; Eld. J. E. Buchanan, with Eld. J. A. Bell alternate, the preacher.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees;

DEVOTIONAL:— J. H. Lowry, W. W. Anderson and deacons of this church.

HOME MISSIONS:— J. E. Buchanan, J. W, Shackelford, W. G. M. Garrison.

STATE MISSIONS:— M. Gillean, A. H. McAllister, N. B. Smith.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:— J. N. McMillin, A. W. Bynum, A. B. Davis, R. M. Staten.

STATE of RELIGION:— D. C. West, J. W. Lowry, E. T. Frazier.

EDUCATION— J. A. Autry, J. M. Scott, J. T. Balch.
TEMPERANCE— B. G. Lowrey, W. E. Houston, Frank Keith.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS— J. T. Cox, W. T. Renick, N. J. Owen.
ORPHANAGE— R. J. Gresham, Jeff Lence, J. Q. Hunter.
SUSTENTATION— W. J. Ball, Jerry Wilbanks, W. M. Simpson.
PUBLICATIONS— J. Finch Ray, Geo. Deen, L. P. Stroup.
OBITUARIES— P. C. Gadd, W. J. Gowdy, W. B. Hodges.
FINANCE— J. S. Gillentine, J. M. Autry, J. D. Hopper.
Adjourned to 9:30 to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. J. N. McMillin.

SECOND DAY—AUG. 31ST, 9:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, Moderator in the chair, being called together by singing "Come thou fount of every blessing."

The Moderator read the 15th chapt. John. Prayer was offered by W. L. Souter.

Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren to seats with us.

Appointed correspondents by adopting the following resolution:—

Resolved that any member of this body in good standing who shall visit any other body with which we correspond shall be recognized as a messenger from this body.

B. G. Lowrey was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with J. A. Autry alternate.

Called for reports.

The report on the Orphanage was read by R. J. Gresham; discussed by himself, Eld. J. E. Buchanan. Pending the discussion, took up a collection for the Orphanage amounting to $31.01 in cash; pledges:— Ashland, Academy, Providence, Union $10.00 each; Bethlehem, Bluff Springs, Chewalla, Dumas, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Hickory Flat, Mt. Moriah, New Hope, New Macedonia, Pine Grove, Shady Grove, each $5.00; Beulah $15.00; Blue Mountain $25.00; Pleasant Hill (B) $2.50; Harmony $1.00; total $143.50. This report was then adopted:

Report on Orphanage.

The heart which cannot be touched by the cry of distressed orphans is devoid of human sympathy. The little hands which are left without support, the little hearts which are left without a comforter, should be strong appeals to us for aid and sympathy. When death steals into the home and takes from it the stay and the comforter, there is created a void which nothing else can fill.

In establishing the Orphanage at Jackson it was designed to create an

institution, a home, for those unfortunate children who have lost one or both parents and are left in a destitute condition. It is one large Christian home for dependent children supported by the loving gifts of those who rightly appreciate the great blessings which are given them.

Your committee lays this important matter upon the hearts of the Christian people of the Tippah Association and urges upon them to look after this important work and see to it that an offering is made each year for the support of of the Orphanage.

Without the aid given at the Orphanage many children would go astray, and be subjects for jails, county farms, penitentiaries and the gallows, instead of being citizens who will add to the moral, educational and religious institutions.

Especially at this time does the Orphanage need our assistance, as the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to borrow $7000 to finish paying for the building which will soon be completed.

There are now in the Orphanage 105 children.

The value of the Orphanage property will be when the new building is completed about $75,000.00.

Let us hold up the hands of our noble Superintendent, Bro. Carter, and give him liberally of our means and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Robt. J. GRESHAM,
Jeff LENCE,
J. Q. HUNTER.

The report on Publications was read by J. Finch Ray. Pending consideration of this report, adjourned for preaching to 2 p. m. Preaching by Eld. J. E. Buchanan; text Phil. 2:16; Theme, Hold forth the Word of Life.

EVENING SESSION—2 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing. Prayer by Eld. D. C. West.

The report on Publications was taken up again, being discussed by Eld. J. E. Buchanan, B. G. Lowrey and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications offer the following report: Some one has said that speaking makes a ready man, writing a correct man and reading a full man. If reading is so necessary what we read is more necessary. It is better not to read at all than to read hurtful literature. Therefore we would emphasize the importance of good literature, the books and papers we read have much to do with what we are. As

we view the situation we are too ignorant with the workings of our denomination and too easily satisfied with the character of the reading matter that comes into our homes. The Bible is the Book, and it is not read and reverenced as it should be. For our young people we would recommend that every church in this Association provide a good library for the young people to read. A twenty-five or thirty volume library can be furnished by any church in this Association, and it has been found by those churches that have tried it to be very helpful, and is a class of reading that the young people seek after. It stimulates a desire for information on the part of our young people.

In this report we deem it necessary to call special attention to hymn books. The influence of song is perhaps next to that of reading. We recommend that our churches select such song books as are in line with the soundest interpretation of the Scriptures. As to papers we recommend the following: 1st our own State paper, the Baptist, which is essential to the fullest and highest development of all work in the State; the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., at 25cts in clubs; Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., 10cts a year; Orphanage Gem, and our own Sunday school literature published at Nashville; Tenn. With the Bible, a sound song book and their publications our people are equipped for efficient service in the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FINCH RAY,
G. W. DEEN,
L. P. STROUP.

The report on Temperance was read by E. G. Lowrey. After discussion by himself was adopted.

Report on Temperance.

We, the Committee appointed to prepare an utterance on temperance for this Association recommend that we ratify the report adopted by our convention at Tupelo, which reads as follows:

First, We believe in the absolute prohibition of the dramshop, and do not believe that Baptists or any other Christians have the right to make any compromise with so iniquitous a business, or to give up the fight against it until every nation has outlawed the liquor trade as effectually as the nations have outlawed the slave trade.

No form of government—municipal, county, state or national—has any right to legalize a business so productive of suffering and crime.

Second, We believe that the great needs in our State today are the vigorous enforcement of the laws we have and the passage and enforcement of some law to prevent the jug trade and order business so dis-

gracefully prevalent in many places.

Third, We need more temperance teaching in our homes and more temperance discipline in our churches.

Fourth, We believe our people ought either to quit praying, "Thy kingdom come," or vote as they pray. Let us vote for legislative officers who can be depended on to favor the passage of wholesome laws on this subject, and for judicial officers who will honestly enforce the laws.

Finally let the private citizen stand by the officer who is inclined to enforce the law, and get vigorously in behind the officer who is not so inclined.

B. G. LOWREY,
F. P. KEITH,
W. E. HOUSTON.

Report on Obituaries was read by P. C. Gadd and adopted.

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We, your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the all-wise God since the last meeting of this Association to take from our midst our much beloved brethren. We feel it due to their memory to pass the following eulogy. We have long known these brethren who have died throughout the Association. To know them was to love them for their piety and faithfulness. They were true to their Master's cause. But they are gone, God has taken them home. "They are resting from their labors and their works do follow them." We humbly bow in submission to God and ask for Divine grace to comfort in these sore trials which is to prepare us for future happiness.

P. C. GADD.
W. B. HODGES.
W. J. GOUDY.

Report on Home Missions was read by Eld. J. E. Buchanan, spoken to by himself, B. G. Lowrey, A. C. Anderson and adopted:

Report on Home Missions.

There is no more important department of our missionary opperations than that of Home Missions. It is foundation work. As we strengthen our stakes we can lengthen our cords. It deals with issues that are immediate and vital. Through this Board the stronger churches and communities help the weaker; through this Board we are to help the negro and through the Gospel aid in the solution of the negro problem.

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coming to our country by the thousands, who come with their ritualistic, communistic and socialistic views, who must be christenized or we shall be heathenized and our social order and institutions be over-turned. Through this Board a great work is being done in Cuba. Upon this work God's blessings rest, and God's people are fixing more and more their hearts. Last year more than 20,000 were added to the churches through its missionaries, 10,551 of these by baptism. The Baptists of our Southern Zion gave $12,147.00 more than the year previous. The Baptists of the S. B. C. are asked to give $250,000 to this work this conventional year, and of this amount Mississippi Baptists are asked for $18,000. We are 100,000 strong—this is 18 cents per capita. This could easily be done if a proper effort is made by the leaders of God's people. Your committee would urge that the pastors and messengers see to it that a collection is taken for this work in all our churches. The needs of the field, the prosperity of the work, self preservation, the call of God, all demand that this shall be done.

We offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association, and we do most earnestly recommend that we raise at least $250 00 during the coming associational year for Home Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BUCHANAN,
J. W. SHACKLEFORD,
W. G. M. GARRISON.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Buchanan.

THIRD DAY—SEPT. 1ST, 1905, 9:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called together by singing "Brethren we have met to worship." The Moderator read a lesson from the 43rd chapter of Isaiah. Prayer led by Eld. J. A. Bell. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

Renewed call for reports.

The report on State of Religion was read by Eld. D. C. West After being discussed by himself, Eld. J. A. Autry, W. E. Houston, A. L. Collins, A. W. Bynum, W. L. Souter, J. A. Bell, this report was recommitted by motion of Eld. J. A. Autry.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld. J. N. McMillin; spoken to by himself and adopted:

Report on Foreign Missions.

The work on our Foreign Mission fields for the past year has been very encouraging. There were 2231 baptisms, which is a greater number than ever reported before in one year.

About fifty new missionaries were sent out, and new fields were opened. There was also larger giving than ever before. Mississippi Baptists gave $21,000.00 of the amount contributed. But when we look at the part our own Association has had in this great work it is not so encouraging. The Tippah Association gave this associational year less than $500.00 to Foreign Missions.

The problem before us is a serious one. Many of our churches gave nothing at all; and so many gave so meagerly that the reports make poor reading. How shall we induce our people to take more interest in this phase of the Master's work? How shall they be aroused to a sense of responsibility and privilege? Do our churches really believe in Foreign Missions? The church that does not give to the cause of missions has no just claim to kinship with the New Testament churches. "Faith without works is dead." To say we believe in missions and then do nothing for missions is to invite doubts as to the reality of our faith.

The people composing this Association are able to quadruple what they are doing for missions, easily able to do so. It must be that they lack the willingness, or they lack information, or they lack instruction as to the real teaching of the Word of God on the subject of giving.

It seems to your Committee that this Association should devise some plan or means by which our people may be aroused on this question.

We shall not have reached the New Testament standard until every member of every church is giving regularly, systematically, proportionally and liberally as the Lord prospers to the work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MCMILLIN,
R. M. STATEN,
A. W. BYNUM.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing "What a Fellowship." Prayer was offered by Eld. J. A. Autry. Eld. J. N. McMillin in the chair.

Renewed call for reports.

The report on State Missions was read by Eld. M. Gillean, spoken to by himself, B. G. Lowrey and adopted.

Report on State Missions.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report: There is perhaps no greater work demanded at the hands of God's people than that of State Missions. It is indeed of paramount interest, one that we as God's children cannot afford to let trail in the dust, but should rally to its support with all the energy, power and zeal that we can command for God. People should always be zealously affected in a good cause. The cause of State Missions is our cause, one that should lay near and dear to the heart of every Christian. We say this because we believe that our State Mission work is the base of operation; for it is said that charity begins at home, but this is no reason why it should not go abroad; it should extend to earth's remotest bounds.

The great Teacher said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature", and his bidding must be done. So we recommend that our pastors make a diligent effort to rally our churches to an active discharge of this important duty.

Respectfully submitted,

M. GILLEAN,
A. H. MCALLISTER,
J. N. NORTON.

The report on Education was read by Eld. J. A. Autry. After being discussed by himself, B. G. Lowrey, amended and adopted.

Report on Education.

Your committee presents you with no argument relative to the benefits of education, for it is to be seen upon every hand that a man stands above men, a state above states, a nation above nations according to their mental and spiritual attainments.

It matters not about the great degree to which the development of the mind may attain for it is, has ever been, and will ever be inadequate to the needs of life and of the world.

The waters and fruits which proceed from many well developed minds are bitter and poisonous, and not only augment the already existing, but are pregnant with, and give birth to, new and dangerous evils.

Neglect the mind rather than the heart, but neglect neither.

An educated mind whose motives spring from a regenerate and well accomplished heart is a power that sways the world to God.

To bring more fully to pass this two-fold intelligence all available means should be employed.

Throughout our Association there are many parents apparently deaf to the appeals and demands that come to them from every quarter cry-

ing out equip your children for time and eternity.

We recommend, therefore, that parents throughout the Association put their children in school and keep them there as much as possible.

As to the teacher, have none except those who are well qualified to look well to both the mental and spiritual interests of your children. Above all have the children acquaint themselves with God's Word and thereby know the way of life.

As to schools, outside of our common free schools, we have Blue Mountain Female College within our own borders which, as a bright star in the South, has guided its thousands and will guide its tens-of-thousands to the higher standard of virtuous and noble womanhood.

If there be boys in the Association desirous of attending school outside our bounds we recommend to you Miss. College. Especially do we recommend to those preparing for the ministry Miss. College and the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

We recommend that outside of our public schools, we have our schools separate, as far as possible, and not co-educational.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. AUTRY,
J. T. BALCH.

The report on State of Religion was presented and, as corrected, was adopted.

Report on State of Religion.

We, your Committee on State of Religion, report the following: From the letters we find God has been blessing our labors. Many good meetings are reported in our bounds. Some of the churches are greatly revived, and with them progress is being made along all lines.

Christ has said "Ye are the light of the world," and we, as Christians, should magnify our profession and walk circumspectly and not eat meats that would offend the weak brother, hence Christian religion is not upon as high a plane as it should be. Therefore we beg every Christian of this Association to get on the mountain-top of Christian living and hold up the cause of our God, that His name may be glorified.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. WEST,
J. W. LOWREY,
E. T. FRAZIER.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Eld. J. T. Cox. Discussed by himself, W. E. Houston and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Soloman said "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." We cannot do this without the study of God's Word and this will be good for the old as well as the young. It will help the cause of Christ. We know of no better place than in a Sunday School, as the Word of God is the "light to our paths," and if we expect our children to know the way of life we must lead them, and we must sow good seed for them.

We recommend our S. S. Literature to do this work.

Christ met with the people on the Sabbath in the synagogue and asked questions and answered them. He is our guide, let us follow Him as close as we can.

J. T. COX,
W. T. RENICK,
N. J. OWEN.

Report on Sustentation was read by Eld. W. J. Ball, and adopted.

Report on Sustentation.

When we define the word "Sustentation" we find that it involves a great deal, much more than many of us are aware of. It means to support, to bear, to endure. It is our privilege, and not only a privilege, but imperative duty, to look after the needs and wants of the poor when and wherever it is in our power to do so. And most especially those who are God's ministering servants. The Master said "The laborer is worthy of his hire." And again Paul said "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the same."

How many! oh, brethren, how many of the most faithful servants of God have sacrificed their means, their lives and their all for the Master and his cause and gone down to the the grave with scarred hands from hard physical labor? Shameful indeed to think of. Brethren, let us awaken to a full sense of duty to this all-important part of the Master's work.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. BALL,
J. WILLBANKS,
W. M. SIMPSON.

Report on Finance was read by J. W. Crump and approved.

Report on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Academy	$ 1.75	New Hope	1.00
Ashland	1.30	New Prospect	.50
Bethlehem	.85	New Macedonia	.85
Blue Mountain	3.00	Oak Grove	.20
Beulah	1.40	Oaklimeter	.75
Bluff Springs	.55	Pleasant Hill (T)	
Canaan	1.05	Pleasant Hill (B)	1.00
Chewalla	1.00	Pine Grove	1.10
Curtis Creek	.35	Dumas	1.05
Falkner		Providence	1.00
Flat Rock	1.80	Ripley	2.50
Followship	1.30	Shady Grove	1.30
Hickory Flat	.85	Union	1.65
Harmony	.60	Mt. Hebron	.50
Mt. Moriah	.60		
Mt. Olive	.40	Total	$30.70
Lebanon	.50		

J. S. GILLENTINE,
J. D. HOPPER,
J. M. AUTRY,
} Committee.

In lieu of a report of the Executive Board, a statement was presented by Eld. J. N. McMillin, on the work of the Board, which statement was ordered printed in the minutes.

Statement on Work of Executive Board.

The Executive Board of the Tippah Baptist Association met on September 27th, 1904. On motion Bro. J. L. Wilson was asked to investigate the churches that were asking for help and report to the Board at its next meeting. The meeting took place on October 23rd. Bro. Wilson made his report, recommending help for the following churches, which was granted:

Mt. Hebron $30.00; Unity $30.00; Clear Creek $30.00; Mt. Moriah $30.00; Oak Grove $30.00.

All the above amounts were on condition that the churches raise certain amounts. The above business covers all of the work of the Board for the year.

The Treasurer read his report, which report was adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

1904-5. Churches.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphan-age	Miss. College.	Susten-tation.	Total.
Pine Grove	$ 21.00	$ 4.00	$	$ 1.50	.....	.....	$ 26.50
Beulah	17.90	7.50	6.40	16.95	.....	.....	48.75
Pleas'nt Hill(B)	2.25	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.25
New Hope	2.50	.....	7.70	.....	.....	.....	10.20
Shady Grove	5.00	.....	5.50	5.25	.....	.....	15.75
Canaan	1.50	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Providence	7.00	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00
Bethlehem	4.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00
Ashland	5.45	5.40	10.75	.....	.....	.....	21.60
Academy	10.00	12.71	19.05	.....	.....	.....	41.76
Blue Mountain	216.90	.....	136.51	74.37	162.00	19.50	609.28
Bluff Springs	9.00	.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	15.00
Harmony	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
New Macedonia	4.25	5.00	13.40	6.70	.....	.....	29.35
Ripley	21.09	21.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	42.09
Fellowship	.....	3.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.25
Mt. Moriah	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50
Chewalla	.....	1.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.05
New Prospect	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Mt. Hebron	.....	.50	.....	.50	.....	.....	1.00
Curtis Creek	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	2.50
Flat Rock	.....	5.00	6.60	.....	.....	.....	11.60
Lebanon	.....	.....	4.50	.....	.....	.....	4.50
Mt. Olive	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	4.00
Oak Grove	.....	.....	3.80	.....	.....	.....	3.80
Oklimeter	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Col. at Ass'n	.....	.....	.....	30.96	.....	.....	30.96
Total	$329.94	$74.91	$232.21	$136.23	$162.	$19.50	$954.79
Over paid							3.20
							$957.99

PAID OUT.

To A. V. Rowe,	$599.71
" W. T. Lowrey,	162.00
" J. R. Carter,	156.28
" Mt. Hebron Church,	30.00
" R. J. Willingham,	10.00
Total	$957.99

Re-elected all members of the Executive Board except Eld. J. L. Wilson, chairman, whose place will be filled by Eld. J. E. Buchanan, as Eld. Wilson has moved away.

Miscellaneous Business.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer for faithful services rendered; and that the Clerk is instructed to take $10 from the fund for minutes for his services.

RESOLVED, 2nd, That we extend thanks to the good people of the Flat Rock community for their kindness and hospitality during the sitting of this body.

The roll of delegates was called and absentees noted. The minutes of the day were read and adopted.

Adjourned by singing "My hope is built on nothing less," during which singing we extended to each other the parting hand. The closing prayer was offered by Eld. J. T. Cox.

ELD. W. E. BERRY. Moderator.

J. W. CRUMP, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Autry, J. A.	Pine Grove, Miss.
Ball, W. J.	Myrtle, "
Barnes, W. C.	Hickory Flat, "
Berry, W. E.	Blue Mountain, "
Bell, J. A.	" " "
Buchanan, J. E.	" " "
Carmichiel, L. F.	Mitchell, "
Caviniss, W. P.	Falkner, "
Cox, J. T.	Hickory Flat, "
Eubanks, E. J.	Jonesboro, "
Gillean, M.	Ashland, "
Lipford, H. F.	" "
Pearce, Joseph	Ripley, "
Thompson, W. G.	Blue Mountain, "
Vandiver, A. C.	Mitchell, "
Walker, J. L.	Blue Mountain, "
West, D. C.	Ashland, "
Whitten, H. L.	Ripley, "

Licentiates.

Bynum, A. W.	Canaan, Miss.
Flake, S. H.	Walnut, "
Houston, W. E.	Shawnee, "
Malone, E. W.	Walnut, "
McNinch, C. L.	Michigan City, "
McDowell, J. H.	Ocala, "
Miller, G. H.	Ashland, "

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present letters specifying their appointments, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number fifty members, and then one for each fifty over that number.

ART. 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this body, signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as the letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled.

ART. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as disignated by the churches.

ART. 10. If any church have a difficulty with another church, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

ART. 11. When churches of this union have gifts which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and the constitution of churches to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

ART. 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

ART. 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session closes. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. 15. This Constiution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

Abstract of Faith.

1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost— and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in tresspasses and in sins.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election—that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayer of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects for the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in him, and that there are but two officers in the church, the elder or pastor and deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in a future and general judgement, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

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Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote is necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall call for a vote, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

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11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only Scripture titles in our minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

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y A	N J Owen, H M Ratliff	W E Berry	Cotton Plant	3rd Sunday	3	3		4		1	90
A	M Gillean, J H Lowry, W T Renick	J E Buchanan	Ashland	3rd "		1		4			71
em	N W Brown, L P Stroup, J P Rainer	H L whitten	"	4th "						1	33
	J W Shackelford, J O Frazier, Charlie Collins	J A Autry	Myrtle	1st "	3			2	1	3	108
ountain A	J S Gillentine, M Winborn, Alfred Whitten, J E Buchanan, W J Goudy	J N McMillin	Blue Mountain	Every "	36	58		33		2	320
rings A	J A Autry, W E Houston, J J Cox	J A Autry	Tippah	2nd "						1	73
	W E Fortner, W M Sorrel, A W Bynum	C L wilson	Canaan	1st "	7			1			66
a A	N B Smith, J H Parker	J A Bell	Higden	2 & 4 "	9			2		1	44
Creek	J M Gresham, W J Gresham, J D Brown	None	Spight								39
A	A C Anderson, W W Anderson, Erank Street	w J Epting	Dumas	2nd "	6	6					47
	Not represented		Falkner	3rd "							87*
hip A	Warren Carter, T C Hunter, W G M Garrison, W B Hodges	w J Epting	Clarysville	3rd "	16	2		9		1	180
ck	J Q Hunter, S W Jackson, B L Simmons W M Richardson, Willis Jackson	w E Berry	Hickory Flat	1st "	1	5	1	6	4	2	154
ny	E T Frazier, Robt. Malone	E J Eubanks	walnut	2nd "	4	4	1	7	3	1	68
y Flat A	P C Gadd, Jno Gatlin	w F Jefreys	Hickory Flat	3rd "		2		7			37
n	A B Davis, J M Montgomery	H L whitten		4th "							40
oron	F P Keith P B Mohondro	J L wilson	walnut	4th "	3						15
riah	J W Lowry	" "	Mitchell	4th "	7	6					30
ve	Not represented	F M Hill	"	2nd "						1	57
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	Howard Hollis, J M Bennett, J Finch Ray	w I Hargis	Chalybeate	4th "	8	7	1	2		3	149
otals					144	105	4	101	8	29	2475

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1860	1	Ripley	A. Goodwin	J. E. Rogers	S. R. Spight		Ambrose Ray.
1861	2	Beulah	*	*	*	*	*
1865	3	*	*	*	*	*	*
1866	4	Union	M. P. Lowrey	J. E. Rogers	H. Garrett	J. M. McDonald.	Ambrose Ray.
1867	5	Pleasant Hill, (B)	Ambrose Ray	"	"	" "	A. G. Parrott.
1868	6	Ripley	M. P. Lowrey	"	"	" "	A. G. Parrott.
1869	7	Pleasant Hill, (T)	" " "	"	"	" "	J. W. Johnson.
1870	8	Unity	A. G. Parrott	"	J. J. Guyton	" "	L. P. Cossitt.
1871	9	Academy	"	"	" "	" "	A. G. Parrott.
1872	10	Flat Rock	"	N. S. Watson	" "	" "	M. P. Lowrey.
1873	11	Harmony	"	Thos Spight	" "	Thos. Spight	J. W. Sanford.
1874	12	Beulah	"	"	" "	" "	W. L. Skinner.
1875	13	Mt. Moriah	M. P. Lowrey	"	" "	L. Ball	J. D. Anderson.
1876	14	Canaan	"	"	" "	" "	M. P. Lowrey.
1877	15	Chewalla	"	"	" "	" "	L. Ball.
1878	16	Fellowship	"	O. F. Ray	" "	" "	L. P. Cossitt.
1879	17	New Hope	"	"	" "	" "	L. Ball.
1880	18	Union	"	W. O Rutherford	" "	" "	W. E. Berry.
1881	19	Blue Mountain	L. Ball	"	" "	W. E. Berry	L. T. Ray.
1882	20	Ashland	M. P. Lowrey	"	" "	" "	M. P. Lowrey.
1883	21	Ripley	"	"	" "	" "	H. M. Long.
1884	22	Providence	"	"	C. J. Frederick	" "	E. L. Wesson.
1885	23	New Prospect	L. P. Cossitt	J. W. Crump	" "	" "	J. E. Buchanan.
1886	24	Clear Creek	"	"	J. J. Guyton	" "	W. G. Thompson.
1887	25	Bluff Springs	"	"	W H M Durham	" "	J. H. Shackelford.
1888	26	Canaan	"	"	" "	" "	G. W Floyd.
1889	27	Beulah	W. G. Thompson	"	J. S. Gillintine	" "	W M. Gadd.
1899	37	Ashland	"	"	J. A. Norriss	J. R. Carter	J. R. Carter.
1900	38	Beulah	"	"	" "	" "	W. E. Berry.
1901	39	Providence	"	"	" "	" "	J. A. Autry.
1902	40	Mt Moriah	"	"	" "	J. L. Wilson	J. N. McMillin.
1903	41	Pine Grove	"	"	" "	" "	J. L. Wilson.
1904	42	Academy	"	"	A. L. Collins	J. E. Buchanan	J. N. McMillin.
1905	43	Flat Rock	"	"			

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CONTRIBUTION OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Church Expenses	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Sunday Schools	Other Benevolence	Aggregate
Academy	$ 1 75	$100 00	$ 10 00	$12 71	$.....	$19 05	$ 1 75	$ 21 85	$ 167 11
Ashland	1 30	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 30
Bethlehem	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	7 85
Beulah	1 40	.....	17 90	7 50	6 40	14 95	.....	.....	48 15
Blue Mountain	373 00	600 00	216 90	.....	132 01	.....	38 16	454 55	1814 62
Bluff Springs	55	.....	9 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 55
Canaan	84 05	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	139 05
Chewalla	1 00	45 00	50	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 05
Curtis Creek	35	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 35
Dumas	1 05	100 00	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	29 50	138 05
Falkner	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	3 30	90 00	4 50	3 25	3 45	.....	.....	12 50	117 00
Flat Rock	801 80	50 00	.....	5 00	6 60	.....	.....	.....	863 40
Harmony	60	50 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 60
Hickory Flat	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
Lebanon	50	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Mt. Hebron	50	.....	.....	60	.....	50	.....	.....	1 60
Mt. Moriah	60	17 70	.....	5 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 60
Mt. Olive	40	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 40
New Hope	1 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	11 00
New Macedonia	85	50 00	4 75	4 50	12 90	6 70	2 00	.....	81 70
New prospect	50	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Oaklimeter	75	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Oak Grove	20	20 00	.....	3 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00
Pine Grove	3 60	.....	21 10	4 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	31 25
Pleasant Hill (T)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill (B)	1 00	.....	.....	.....	5 25	.....	.....	.....	6 25
Providence	1 00	125 00	17 00	10 00	13 40	.....	5 70	.....	172 20
Ripley	64 15	250 00	.....	.....	.....	8 59	.....	.....	322 74